THE LITTLE SCHOOL HOUSE. In the little white school house just under the Half hid by the maples, and close to the mill, Whose wide-spreading branches afforded sweet As we listened to the music the old mill wheel

With its buzz and whirr, its clatter and din, It marshalled us out, and ushered us in, A pleasanter resting place could ne'er have been found

Than this roomy and airy old pleasure grou With its carpet of green and walls of oid trees, And glimpses of sky shining blue through the Making picture so pleasing on memory's wall. That the stoutest heart softens as those days they recall.

The signal for entering now falls on the ear, 'Tis the old school bell ringing, in tones loud To hasten the lolterer that lags by the way, And bid the busy ones cease from their play. Refrain from their mischief, laughter and fun,

Be carnest and studious for school has begun. On through the entrance that leads to the room With never a sunbeam to lighten the gloom, We enter the school room so narrow and low, Through the wide open windows the summer winds blow;

And the murmur of voices floats out on the air. As they answer the roll-call, or join in the

Over exercise poring some are earnest intent, While an occasional urchin on mischief is bent; Fearing the penalty of being detained after

Or committing to memory some unpleasant We gaze at the old desks grimy and black, And a host of fond memories carry us back on three mornings of the week. It had dreamed it would be, and on three mornings of the week. It had dreamed it would be, and so the sugar is compacted into you will help me, I will send you found herself earning as much money ilarly. If the sugar is compacted into

E'er sorrow or trouble could drive them away; eluctant to leave it, I pause on the sill, Breathe a prayer for the school-house just under -Belle M. Blacker, in Good Housekeeping.

## ---MISS RAYMOND'S PIES.

An Independent Girl's Successful Business Enterprise.

"I can only say, my dear young lady, that you must stop teaching if you value your life at all.'

"But, Doctor, it is impossible! have hardly taught two years." "Years or months, it is all the same. another day!"

her cold hands and talking earnestly to girl. thrown the burdens of life so com- know one who is not." pletely on this young daughter. Opposister and listened with pained intent- baked to a golden brown. There were been!"

all put your thinking caps on and tell "Put in a mild oven and heat through have tried a new form of self-support | the particles of air like as the solution me what we had better do."

Harold has been too mean !" chimed in | hastened on her wraps and ran to the | and poor 'artists' of all classes." Janet, whose opportunity had come at shop near by, where, with trembling "Miss Raymond's pies," with many carries this means of fertility beyond last. "Sending us cast-off finery that hand, she raised the telephone-cup to added delicacies, are still in the mar- the reach of the plants, if it does not we can't possibly wear, as if we were her ear. So much depended upon that ket, as great a success as ever, and even carry some of the soil away too. beggars instead of her husband's own message and her brain grew confused Miss Raymond will be glad indeed if Much of the good effect of irrigation nieces l'

Indge them."

don't suppose Uncle knows quite how | sold, every one of them. And if you and she teaches the girls to pay court good day for them.' to that queer old aunt of hers, Miss Harris or Ferris or whatever it is, be-Marian and Clara her heirs.'

silence. They have not been here since forever and long life to my experiyour father left us, and it is most ment!" hard a struggle we are having."

voice, cool like her coloring, that at suggested starting a private poultry once commanded attention. "I must yard, and Natalie answered that it leave the Conservatory and come wasn't a bad idea! And then Janet home."

And when they have told you, too, that ers!" in another term your voice will command a high salary in a church choir ! "we must not be too elated by this suc-You shall never do it while there is any cess, for we can not be sure yet that it work left in me ! What can I do that is real and lasting." will approach the seven hundred dollars I am earning now ?"

work. Sales, very uncertain."

"Who wants it? The market is too ver, he said: full already of the pretty, school-girlish "There's your money, Miss Raymond, accomplishments. Nobody wants to and I only wish there were more sen- Gardiner, M. D., F. L. S., in his travpay much for what everybody can do. sible girls in the world. You've made els in the interior of Brazil, treats of I can't write a book; I'm not strong success of this because you've done this immense snake, and gives fuller enough to be a clerk; I don't know what you knew you could do well, and how to be a good bookkeeper, and even that's the secret of success everywhere. if I did, no doubt Dr. Saulsbury would H, now, Madam," turning to Mrs. Raysay I must not. Oh, if only I were a mond, "your daughter can think of man! There's nothing in the world something else as delicious and salable for an untalented woman to do to earn as the pies, it will be a good thing. For, thirty-seven feet long and which has her own living except to teach! Any- you see, toward spring there won't be way, I can't do any thing else."

"Yes, you can, Nata dear. You can goody. They all laughed at this diversion of ready Janet.

and turned about wide eyed and eager. "And if Miss Natalie can make them show you. Here is a small, ordinary "Chicken-pies? It's an inspiration! as well as she can chicken pies, your water snake which I captured in Pros-

are you talking about?" exclaimed twenty-five cents a pound, and I think Margaret.

"I am talking about chicken-pies, venture. Meantime I can dispose of my dear, and I believe our good angel twice as many pies next week, for your The power of distension in snakes is put that into Janie's head just now. I name has made them sell like wildhave heard of women earning their liv- fire." ing in queerer ways than that. Any. Natalie smiled a little at this remark. way, I mean to try it."

been thoroughly discussed. The Bos- Harold." The dreaded aunt, having With no one but the photographer by, ton grocer who had been their stand- just heard of the great experiment, And seeing the hand that hung at her side, by in the old inxurious days was to be and that the sacred name of Raymond /I placed mine near, ere they took out the slide; interviewed at once on the practica- was connected with it, had paid her as though her hand was held by me; bility of selling chicken-pies on shares, first visit to the little household for And as she sawit, a gentle smile and the other arrangements could many weeks, in order to express her But never a word of blame spake she,

Natalie's delicious pies had long "One of the oldest names in Boston

next morning the huge establishment | the dust like this!"

"Mr. Fitch, I have come to ask a working honestly for ourselves." practical use, and earn some money by and deducted.

my chicken pies." in his brain.

for me-on shares, of course." Tell me your plan."

Have you thought of that?"

poor enough to want the money, will Saratoga itself could not excel.

note to a poultry man who will let you change of thought. have your chickens at first price. He In two years' time a wonderful this dried cake or the cake of clay into

morning, Mr. Fitch, and I thank you especially at holiday-time. Not even sweep of the elden time who could so much for your assistance." am I to call these pies?"

"Call them?" Your throat needs absolute rest, and are very particular and suspicious as little intercourse as possible with management of heavy soils. It accounts which the late Mrs. Astor freunless it has it at once—a fig for your about those things—especially the class the family in the brown cottage, and for the better success with wheat or quently wore. Another favorite with future! Think up something else I have. Now, if you are willing I grieved much-in public-over their rye sown on cornstubbles without rewhile your vacation lasts, and hand in should just name them 'Miss Ray- "loss of pride." But Uncle Harold, plowing. The sod that was turned made between 1670 and 1700, one your resignation at once. Don't teach mond's pies,' and let everybody know with all a man's appreciation of busi-An hour later, Natalie Raymond sell them!" added Mr. Fitch, fired at nieces far more than he did his own the best condition of capillarity, but if only one in America. It cost, it is said, knelt before the parlor fire, warming last by the confidence of the young helpless daughters.

Close beside her sat the dear mother, not ashamed of any honest work is never so keenly apwhose gentle face under the widow's can help my mother and sisters. Girls preciated as by men who know what it roots which both cut off the capillary cap was filled with solicitude that her have been foolish about that too long." is to win success from this busy world. ascent of moisture and by becoming own delicate health should have "You are right; and I am glad to Mrs. Raymond's gentle face grew filled with stagnant, damp air, form

"How can I help it, mamma? I I wanted to tell you that they are all H. Underwood, in Christian Union. poor we are, for Aunt Harold won't let can make it convenient to send in im. She is a perfect miser, mamma, twice as many on Sacurday, it will be a

"Thank you. They shall be there." Natalie flew back over the icy pavecause she is rich, and going to make ment, and burst into the little sitting room, incoherently glad. "Mamma! "Janet! Janet! I insist upon your mamma! It's all right! Chicken-pies

probable that they do not know how And then how they all laughed and cried together, and how Janet took all "Mamma!" It was Margaret's quiet the credit to herself, and Margaret made them all laugh by saying, sober-"Leave the Conservatory!" inter- ly, "You must not crow too soon." rupted Natalie, hotly - "where you "No," said Natalie, "it isn't a question have won your scholarship! Oh, Meg! of crowing, but of killing the crow-

"Seriously," interposed the mother,

But is was, for the pies were indeed delicious. Natalie worked hard to "Why not paint? You used to do make them perfect, and she had her such pretty things," suggests the reward in disposing of six dozen in the following week. At the end of that "Cost of materials, twenty-five dol- time Mr. Finch came out to see them, lars. Labor, eight hours a day, hard deeply interested in the scheme whose success had filled him with amazement. "Hammer brass !" - faintly, from As he put into Natalie's hand some crisp bank notes and a little loose sil-

so much call for this sort of winter

make the best chicken-pies anybody "Why not try Saratoga potatoes, and onel, taking a medium sized bottle,

success is insured. We will put them "Have you lost your senses? What up in paper boxes, and sell them for

as she thought of an interview her Before bedtime Natalie's plan had mother had had that day with "Aunt | We sat for our pictures, this maid and L

wrath.

seen famous among her family and attached to pies! Rachel, how could the severe test of a market value, and I would rather have supported you all the girl's heart sank as she entered than to have had our name dragged in

the change and the active life."

shall only be too happy to do more restaurants. "Miss Raymond's Chicken cohesion. This same attraction also than that for your father's daughter. Pies" became so popular that when the allures the water, as is distinctly "I propose," she answered, with market, her name alone was a guaran- any caliber (as a piece of a broken business-like directness, 'to make pies | tee of their sale. By this time she had | thermometer tube) is dipped vertically of three sizes, which will sell for found it necessary to hire two compe- in colored water; the water will be On the rough wooden benches, narrow and low, Are bright faces shining, with health's ruddy dollar." twenty-five and fifty cents and one large range had been put into the outer terior and even drawn up against the "How will you get them into me? kitchen to increase the oven capacity. outer face of the glass as far as a one-"Yes, and arranged for it. A boy between pie-bakings, and such crisp, sugar with its base just barely touchwho has been my pupil, and who is golden-brown, appetizing "chips" even ing the same water will immediately

> for a trifle bring in my hamper early Their success was greater than Natalie the interstices. A dry clot of capillary on three mornings of the week. If had dreamed it would be, and she soil-loam-will take up the liquid simenough for a trial the day after to- as in the old days, with the prospect | candy, or the soil into a dense clayey of an increased business upon her lump, this beautiful effect can not oc-"We must certainly test the scheme, hands. Much of her work now was cur. Too finely powdered loam, as Miss Raymond. I will help you as far careful supervision, and her health im- road dust for example, wetted into a as I can. And now let me give you a proved daily under the stimulating dough and then dried, will be too com-

ought, for you will need a great many stock of pickles had been added to coarse fragments, the interstices will Miss Raymond's sales, and Janet had be too wide for the power of attraction "And I mean to succeed!" exclaimed | begged leave to contribute home-made | to reach across and the water will fail Natalie, with rising courage. "Good candies, which proved a great success, to climb up. It is like a chimney-Margaret, who was now the popular | mount up a flue with back against one "One moment, Miss Raymond! What soprano in a large church choir, could side, and hands and knees against the contribute as much to the snug other, but would fail in chimneys too sum accumulating in the bank as did her | wide for such a means of ascent. "Yes. You see, people will ask at sisters by the aid of their deft fingers. This principle underlies all soil-work-

Then followed such a busy day! saw her daughters' growing health are poisonous to the plant roots. The site them, Janet, a short, rosy damsel Such dressing of chickens, such sifting and happiness in their new life, and supply of moisture to feeding roots of survived intact. Others, too, were of fifteen, leaned against the wall with of flour, such rolling of pastry, deli- felt that, even if she must leave them, plants from below is superior to surfolded arms, only waiting for a chance cate and flaky enough to tempt the it would not be to dependence and face irrigation supply in at least three to express herself about the family appetite of an epicure! And when the hard struggles. Natalie laughed at respects: First, it is comparatively introuble. And in the center of the tired little cook went to bed that night this sweet motherly pride, saying: expensive. Next, it feeds the roots as group, Margaret, blonde and slender, twelve chicken pies of various sizes "But, dear little woman, I shall never well as supplies water to convey the turned her wistful blue eyes upon her stood ranged on the storeroom shelves, be famous, as your son might have food; for the salts that dissolve into the

and her ears uncertain of their duty, her example helps some other girl to on dry Western soils results from its "Hush, dear, hush! We must not till suddenly a pleasant voice spoke, as an equally happy and independent life. dissolving salts left at the surface and if almost at her elbow. "It is I, Fitch. Why do not more girls try it?-Grace conveying them down again within the

> DISTENSION IN SNAKES. The Almost Incomprehensible Swallowing

Power of Reptiles. "Colonel, I have recently read : story in the newspaper about a boa constrictor swallowing a horse. Is that a possible thing or is it merely a newspaper varn ?"

"Well," replied he, "I took particular pains once to look up a story of that kind and I will give you the result of my researches. I was traveling in South America, and having read that in the immediate vicinity an immense boahad once swallowed a horse, I went out of my way to ascertain the facts from the most trustworthy authorities. It seems that the Governor of one of the interior districts of Brazil had turned his favorite riding horse into the field to graze. When wanted he was nowhere to be found. In this district boas grow to be forty feet long. and after diligent search for several days one of these immense reptiles was found hanging in the crotch of a tree in a half dormant state, where he had been left by the rapidly receding waters of the stream. The snake was killed and two horses were attached to the carcass, and it was dragged into the open country. On being opened, the bones of a horse somewhat broken and the partially digested flesh were found. The head of the horse was unnimed, and was identified as the one pelonging to the Governor. George details of this particular incident. I made full inquiries myself of the parties who saw it, and when at Pernambuco I went into the museum there and saw the skin of this snake, which was been preserved as a curiosity. It was rolled up and made a package as big as a flour barrel. But," said the Collet me help?" interrupted the ever- "this story of a boa swallowing the horse does not seem so wonderful in Janet's, but suddenly Natalie stopped "Just the thing!" replied grocer. the light of what I am now about to pect Park and which I have preserved in alcohol. It looks to be about as big around as a slate pencil, but that frog you will clear more than on the other which is preserved in the same bottle was taken from the inside of the snake. something wonderful and seems incredible to those who are not familiar with the subject."-Brooklyn Eagle.

> So in the picture it seemed to be Only, "It's horrid that people can see,"

-Harner's Basar.

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CAPILLARITY OF SOIL

riends, but now they were to be put to you permit it? You know Harold and A Principle in Tillage which is Attract- The Collection Given to the New York Art Dr. E. Lewis Sturtevant, in using and explaining the term "capillarity Astor's collection of French and Italian one of mustard, the powdered yelks of of Fitch & Co. Mr. Fitch himself came 'Dragged in the dust! My dear of the soil," has formulated into doc- laces to the Metropolitan Museum of forward cordially to meet her, but Elizabeth, pray choose your words trine what has been observed and des- Art puts our only public art gallery in Natalie, hardly waiting for his greet- more carefully. My daughters and I ultorily taught through generations. possession of the finest and oldest specing, hastened to speak before her have no reason to be ashamed that, in- The old writers insist on fine tillage, a imens of art needlework in the world. stead of living on your charity, we are rendering of the soil into fine tilth. It was long Mrs. Astor's opinion that evenly granulated all through-and American women, with all their taste great favor of you. You know I have But even Aunt Harold's angry de- the famous exploits of Tull, and of and proficiency in matters of dress and been teaching since my father's death parture at last could not depress Natalie Smith, of Lois Weedon in producing decoration, and their deftness in fine cracker dust, red and black pepper, in our high school at B ..... But my when she found herself that night the heavy crops continually without man- needlework, could acquire a high repu- salt and butter; then more layers until nealth is not very good, and the doctor proud possessor of forty-four dollars ure on heavy clay soils, were results of tation as lace makers, and that in this all the fish shall ha been used. Covthinks I need a change, so I want to and twenty-eight cents, Mr. Fitch's this intimately fine working of them. way a source of employment was open turn my own accomplishment to commission having been insisted upon A soil may be called capillary when so to many American ladies dependent finely divided (yet without being upon their own exertions for support. "It is not much, mamma. It is not, ground into powder-impalpable) as She recognized clearly the necessity "Chicken pies!" ejaculated the as- of course, what I could earn by teach- to resemble the finest sand, the parti- for popular education in this regard, onished grocer, with visions of the ing. But perhaps it will be by and by, cles of which, as one may see in a hear and the wide field of usefulness as a usual young-lady-like pastry floating and meantime I feel better already for of broken roadstone, lie in close contact, yet everywhere leaves spaces the Metropolitan Museum of Art en- wall and that top and bottom are "Yes, and I hope to succeed, too. And she was right. In three months communicating so as to allow water or joyed. Hence Mrs. Astor's laudable The favor I ask of you is to sell them the fame of the delicious little pies, air free passage. When we take up a intention that her own exquisite speciand perhaps also of their maker's handful of damp loam and press it it mens of needle-work should find a last "My dear Miss Raymond" - Mr. brave spirit, had spread quite over falls apart again almost as readily as resting place in its galleries, to inter-Fitch had recovered his affability, and Boston. Natalie received many private the fine sand, yet not wholly, because est American women in the subject and conceased his amusement at what he orders, and Mr. Fitch transmitted to the particles hold to each other, when excite a spirit of imitation and origiregarded as a childish project-"I her others from three well-known once quite near, by the attraction of nality. Saratoga potatoes were placed in the seen when one end of a glass tube of The potatoes were fried on the days sided pull can take it. A lump of white

draw it to the top, ascended through pact to admit of it. And if we crush

once who made them. Oh, customers "Aunt Harold" and her daughter had ing, and should guide continually in the you are the cook, I'll warrant I can ness success any where, admired his the soil, by the end of September, in school in existence, and perhaps the we plow it again, tearing out the thick \$1,800. The high cost of these laces And more than one young man sym- corn roots, we can not restore that even forty years ago, when they were the little family circle about her. "Do so, then, by all means. I am pathized in this admiration, for a brave same equably fine condition but leave relatively cheaper than at present, is more and more placidly content as she chambers for the growth of molds that soil water at whatever depth, rise with

dispatched early the next morning by "My child, no son could have done it to the surface, and it is only there that "And so, dears," concluded Natalie, the trusty John Diggs, accompanied more than you have done; and as for they separate, as only the pure vapor of in a would-be cheerful tone, "you must by a large card on which was written: fame, it is yours already, because you water can take wing and rise among for women. I respect you with all my | did through the particles of earth. In "The school must be given up, my That Thursday was an anxious day heart, and wish that more enterprising dry autumnal weather we often see the child. That question is settled at once, of waiting for the result of the great girls would follow in your path, where surface visibly coated with deposited even if we call on your Uncle Harold experiment. Late in the afternoon a both health and money await them, salts left behind in this way. Water message came for Natalie, calling her instead of crowding into the already or irrigation may bring with it some "No, we mustn't do that! Aunt to the telephone office. Eagerly she overflowing ranks of school-teachers nutriment in solution, but it is very often the case that its excessive flow reach of the absorbing root-points. This brings up a third great merit of this capillary supply of the constantly needed water-that its supply is constant as long as there is water below and within reach of the capillary struc-

ply is never in injurious excess .- W.

ture of the soil, and also that its sup-

G. Waring, Sr., in N. Y. Tribune. WORK THAT COUNTS. It Is Never Done by a Man Who Labors Without Any System. It is one thing to work; it is another thing to do work. Yet men generally are inclined to think that they ought to have credit and ought to receive pay according to the number of hours or days they spend at a piece of work, rather than according to the work they do in a given period. A man may faithfully work all day, looking among his papers for a missing memorandum which he needs to enable him to do a piece of work for which he expects payment. It would hardly be fair, lowever, for him to include a charge who employs him. So, again, a man may work without any system, and by aimless methods waste five times as many hours as he uses to advantage. The work he does bears no fitting comparison with his working. In fact, upon his work is by measuring it ac-

Pretty Summer Silks. bills. They are, besides, very light, with conservatories, lighted by cool and durable, and are a really bet- tricity and filled with tropical birds ter choice than the more perishable and insects. He buys every new plant novelties in summer fabrics that now he can obtain. There are a dozen rich crowd the shops. When simply made, collectors who have given dealers carte these fabrics are appropriate for nearly blanche on open bids for any new variety. every occasion. When designed for I read in a journal not long ago of some dressy wear, they can be made to look of the dangers which attend orchid colexceedingly rich and beautiful, as very | lecting, for they are found in the most delicate patterns are shown in pale distant and lonely places. A number cau de Nil, ecru, cream white, silver, have been drowned in bogs, devoured rose pink and the like. For more by tigers or bitten by venomous sergeneral wear are stylish patterns in pents in the jungles of India. That golden brown, terracotta, violet and Polynesian islands are great sources of white, deep marine blue, fawn color supplies to dealers. I read of one man and bronze, and several distinct shades in the Philippine islands who had colof green, in which panels or plaits of | lected twenty thousand specimens and silk velvet are introduced upon the spread them on the beach to dry, skirt, with yoke and sleeves or waist- when a tidal wave swept them out to coat and ouffs to match. -N. Y. Post, | sea. -St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

EXQUISITE LACES.

The gift of the late Mrs. John Jacob

One Point de France fichu cost Mrs. Astor \$2,800. It was made by a French peasant's wife in Ardennes between 1685 and 1730, and at one time belonged to Empress Josephine. Similarly most of the lace in the collection belonged at one time or another to famous ladies of royal or aristocratic families, for their high cost precluded any but the very richest people from possessing them. The Point Coupe is the oldest piece in the collection, having been made by the cunning hand of a French woman in 1550-it cost over \$2,800-and another piece of similar make, which dates from 1580 or 1600, cost nearly as much. Another old piece is a Guipure de Belgique, which cost \$2,100, and was made at Brussels between 1690 and 1720 by Mme. Quimet. A dress-trimming of Point de Venise, which cost \$3,200, is one of the largest pieces in the collection, and was made in the half-century between 1650 and 1700. The Empress Eugenie, who was at one time a great lace lover, is said to have been negotiating for its purchase when it came into Mrs. Astor's collection. Another very old piece of lace which the collection contains is a Point Cerepe which was made in 1580.

One of the most precious specimens of Valenciennes in existence is a bit in the collection dating from 1670, and her was a Guipure d'Angleterre, knew the secret of their manufacture in those old times and the great time and labor involved in their production, and partly by their rarity, only a small number of undoubted antiquity having more highly prized because of their associations and former possession by historic personages. It is not too much to say that many of these laces have witnessed some of the great court

A Guipure de Malines made in the latter part of the seventeenth century, one of the valuable specimens in the collection, and Point de France of somewhat earlier date are said to have belonged to two Orleans Princesses long since gathered to their fathers. There are likewise two beautiful pieces of Point de Brabant made between 1750 and 1800, and which cost \$1,500 apiece, that are associated with the memories of the ladies of the first Napoleonic generation. Two exquisite specimens of Point de Venise, made between 1650 and 1700, and a Point d'Alencon of 1800 have ecclesiastical associations, being said to have come from the estate of one of the Roman Cardinals. - N. Y. World.

THE ORCHID CRAZE.

A Taste Which Only Persons of Unlimited Means Can Gratify. The fancy for orchids has developed here, and one lady has spent a large sum of money during the past year in getting together a collection. Only a person of means can indulge this taste, for rare plants come high, and a collector is always desirous of the most rare. However, some plants which used to sell out here for \$400 or \$500 can now be had for one-fifth of the money, because they are not so scarce. You have no idea how many orchid collectors there are, and what a mania it is in the East. For a number of years wealthy English people have devoted attention to these plants, until now no conservatory in England is complete without them. Collecting orchids has become a business, and one which is growing to enormous proportions. If it spread in America as it has done in England, and as is probable, done in England, and as is probable, for collecting is very fascinating, it become a great industry. There Fair to Medium... for that day's work in his estimate of will become a great industry. There the value of his services to the man are professional orchid hunters engaged in scouring every part of the globe for rare specimens, and their salaries show that they are skillful men. The tropical countries are the men. The tropical countries are the TOB4COO-Lugs... report to the Government one of our the unfairest estimate a man can put Consuls in Venezuela stated that the collection of orchids there has become ording to the time he spends in its a great source of revenue. The beauty loing. Before a man congratulates of a flower is not always the test of its himself on having worked hard and value, but the scarcity of it. Thus CATTLE-Shipping conestly all day, or all the week some of the finest specimens have through, he would do well to stop and been cultivated or found in plenty see whether he has done much work, in new localities, while others WHEAT-No. 2 Spring. or has merely been at work. And if upon which a great price is set CORN-No. 2 White.... he finds that he has little to show for are very ordinary looking plants. PORK-New Mess. his working, it behooves him to learn They are found on the branches of how to work, in order that work may trees, and many a poor man has accidentally discovered a new variety and the branches of trees, and many a poor man has accidentally discovered a new variety and the branches of trees. made more money than he ever had in ORN-No. 2 his life. Speaking of orchid collections, Mr. Chamberlain, who recently The pretty summer silks in surah and | came to this country to participate in | ouisine, in plaided, striped, checked the fishery arbitration, has about the HAY Choice and floral patterns, are still highly popular with those who study economy in hundred thousand dollars. It is kept dress, as they do not entail laundry in nine large glass houses, connected WHEAT-No. 2 Red ......

-Mixed Sandwiches -Chop scraps of cold ham, tongue and fowl, mix with one part of meat half a cup of melted butter, one tablespoonful of salad oil, two hard-boiled eggs and a little pepper. Spread between slices of thin

buttered bread. -- Fish Chowder .- Take any large fish and cut it in thin slices, lay some slices of fat bacon at the bottom of the pot, and then a layer of fish, onions, er the whole with water, and cook until well done.

-For a sizing to make paper stick to walls add eight ounces of dissolved glue to a pailful of hot water. Put the sizing on with a whitewash brush, taking care that it goes over every part of the especially well sized. When this preparation has partly dried hang the paper with paste in the usual way.

-Decanters ought never to b washed with shot, as it scratches the glass. Salt and vinegar or potato parings are very effectual in thoroughly cleaning decanters. It should be put in with warm water and well shaken, and in either case the decanter must be carefully rinsed. It should then be stood up to drain till dry. It is a great improvement to polish glasses, decanters, etc., with a soft leather kept for the purpose before putting them on the

-The best broom is of light green color, which indicates that the material is of the best flexibility and toughness. The cheap broom-corn is of a sickly yellow or lemon color. Manufacturers who use only the green splints assert that the manufacturers of the vellow splints give them a green bath, and that the coloring matter has paris green in it, so that when the housewife takes a splint to try her cake she may be putting a deadly poison in it. The men who make this dye, however, say that it is a harmless vegetable compound. - Good Housekeeping.

-Baked Eggs.-These are also called shirred eggs. Melt in the dish half a teaspoonful of butter for each egg, and break the eggs carefully into the dish so as to keep the yelks whole. Place in a very moderately heated oven until the whites are set. Serve in the same dish. A great variety of flavors can be given to baked eggs. Two drops of onion juice and a pinch of chopped parsley will change the flavor of an egg. A teaspoonful of chopped ham and grated cheese may be sprinkled over the eggs before the dish is set in the oven.

THE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.

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